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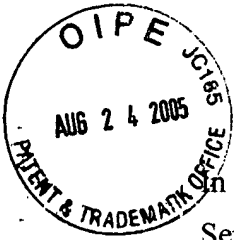
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In re Application of: Plat et al.  
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Filed: February 12, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 2823  
Before the Examiner: Lee, Hsien Ming  
Title: A METHOD FOR REDUCING ANTI-REFLECTIVE  
COATING LAYER REMOVAL DURING REMOVAL OF  
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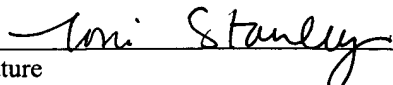
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